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Subject: FW: PFAS in Pesticides

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Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 8:46 PM
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Hi folks,

Our collective questions from today and emailed:

1. What are the EPA's next steps and/or timeline related to product and/or environmental testing, leaching studies, and overall risk assessment process? Can EPA provide an outline of the prioritization of work?
2. Does EPA have an updated scope about the use of these HDPE-containers? What liquids? Only in the US?
3. Is EPA looking at other types of products—beyond mosquito control products? Agricultural? Vegetation management? Or is EPA looking solely at containers?
4. Any insights into/updates from pesticide industry?
5. Is industry voluntarily replacing containers for products not evaluated by EPA? To what extent?
6. SLAs know that some registrants are voluntarily testing their products. Is this information being shared with EPA? To what extent?
7. If states were willing, is EPA able to provide grant money to support testing via contract laboratories or development of in-house testing? Either through PPGs or via another related EPA program?
8. Is EPA willing to share their prep methods for testing? Some manufacturers have reached out asking for that type of info so they can take and send out their own samples.
9. What information does EPA receive to demonstrate compliance with DOT container standards? Do registrants disclose container barrier treatments?

10. During the registration process, when do registrants communicate what is in the container and if the contents are compatible with the container?

Please feel free to provide edits, clarifications and additional questions. I'll send this to Sandra tomorrow morning—probably mid-morning.

Thank you and have a great night!

Megan

From: Patterson, Megan L <Megan.L.Patterson@maine.gov>

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Hi folks,

I hope this finds you all well.

The latest from EPA. EPA (Ed Messina et al) is receptive to meeting with NE states to discuss the petition our states received. Sandra O'Neill is working to set up a meeting for us.

- Does everyone want to participate in this?
- Is everyone okay with this format—meeting with NE states and then a follow up meeting with CLF and PEER?
- Do we want to do this sometime after Tuesday?
- Are there specific questions we need/want addressed? I think we could leave the door open to add additional topics following our Tuesday meeting.
- Have I missed anything?

I'm hoping to respond to Sandra by end of day tomorrow—hopefully that gives everyone enough time to speak with your leadership, etc.

Thank you and have a great day!

Megan

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Hi Megan,

I hope you're doing well! I'm reaching out to you to let you know I'm coordinating the call in the email chain below. I'm hoping to schedule something for next week and wanted to reach out to you on agenda topics you'd like to see covered. From the OCSPP side, so far I've got a question on what is each state's lab capacity (which I think would be directed to other states as I recall you once stating you're jealous of states with labs, correct?)

For participants, EPA R1 has provided the list of Directors (including yourself of course) and we'd invite you to forward the invite to any on your staff that you'd like to participate. Participants on the EPA side will include Ed Messina, Kimberly Nesci, Biological and Ecological Analysis Division Director; Marietta Echeverria, Registration Division Director; and Jeff Dawson who is in the OCSPP IO and is part of an EPA Agencywide PFAS workgroup. We'll also be joined by EPA Region 1's Nancy Barmakian, Land Chemical and Redevelopment Division Director, and folks from her staff. The idea is that we would meet first with EPA/NE states; then a follow-up with CLF and PEER.

Appreciate any comments or feedback you might have on the meeting and any agenda topics!

Best,

Sandra O'Neill

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Megan,

We would be happy to chat with you and the other states about this issue. Adding Kimberly who is our OPP lead on this issue and others.

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Good afternoon Ed,

Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine have all received emails and letters similar to those attached. I've reached out to the other states in Region 1 and AAPCO to see if a similar letter was received. Indiana, Virginia, North Carolina and Florida indicated that they have not yet seen anything.

Given the push for action in the letter and the national nature of this issue, would EPA be willing to participate in or host a meeting with the contacted states, CLF and PEER—assuming other folks are interested in this.

I'm happy to have a brief chat if that is easier/more efficient.

Thank you,

Megan

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Good morning Commissioner Loyzim, Commissioner Beal and Director Patterson,

Attached please find a letter from my CLF colleagues Sara Dewey and Colin Antaya and our colleagues at PEER, Tim Whitehouse and Kyla Bennett concerning the alarming levels of PFAS in pesticides and the need to take action on this issue. Thank you for your work on this issue in general and we hope to make further progress on the threat from these forever chemicals. Sean

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